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BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS

1. TREASURY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS,
C. FRED BERGSTEN, WILL HEAD U.S. DELEGATION AND REQUESTS
OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON PRESIDENT BONGO ON THE AFTERNOON OF
MAY 1 (ALTERNATIVELY ON THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 3). HOPEFULLY,
FINANCE MINISTER OKINDA WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

2. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN HOPES TO BE ABLE TO REVIEW
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THE OUTLOOK FOR OIL PRICES, THE PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPING
GABON'S RICH RESOURCES UNDER EXISTING FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS,
AND THE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS ON GABON'S ROLE IN THE AFDB AND IN
AFRICA.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN IS PLANNING BILATERAL MEET-
INGS WITH NIGERIA, SENEGAL, ZAMBIA AND PERHAPS OTHERS ON THE

AFTERNOONS OF MAY 1 OR MAY 3. IN DEFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE, WE WOULD ARRANGE THE OTHER MEETINGS TO ACCOMMODATE HIS TIME. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO OBTAIN THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, SO THAT WE MAY SCHEDULE OTHERS, INCLUDING AN INDICATION OF THE ISSUES THE PRESIDENT MAY WISH TO DISCUSS.

4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY BERGSTEN WOULD LIKE TO VISIT BOTH TRANSGABON RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION AND LAMBARENE ON MAY 2. IF BOTH NOT POSSIBLE, LAMBARENE IS PREFERENCE. AT PRESENT, NO ONE ELSE PLANS TO ACCOMPANY HIM. PLEASE ADVISE ON FEASIBILITY AND ON HOW THE TRIP WILL BE ARRANGED. CHRISTOPHER

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